

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for retrieving a digital artefact in a network comprising a server and an application program, the server having access to several digital artefacts and the server further comprising a profiler, the method at the server comprising steps of:
 - requesting from the profiler an identity of a digital artefact corresponding to a digital artefact identifier and the associated version identifier;
 - upon reception from the profiler of a response comprising the identity of the digital artefact from the profiler, retrieving the digital artefact; and
 - sending the digital artefact to the application program.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising, prior to the step of requesting from the profiler an identity of the digital artefact, the step of:
 - receiving from the application program a service request comprising a digital artefact identifier and an associated version identifier.

- 1 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein a digital artefact has been
2 received by the application program and a link in the received digital
3 artefact has been activated, the method further comprising at the
4 application program the step of:
5 – associating the version identifier associated with the received
6 digital artefact to the digital artefact corresponding to the
7 activated link.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the version identifier is a
2 date.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein digital artefact is a web
2 page.
- 1 6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising, before the step
2 of sending the digital artefact to the application program, the step of:
3 – adding the version identifier to all the links found in the received
4 digital artefact.

1 7. A system for retrieving a digital artefact in a network, the system
2 comprising a server, a memory storing digital artefacts, and an
3 application program, wherein:

4 the application program is for:

- 5 – sending to the server a request message comprising a digital
6 artefact identifier and a version identifier associated with the
7 digital artefact; and
- 8 – receiving at least one digital artefact from the server; and

9 the server comprises:

- 10 – a communication unit for
- 11 – receiving from the application program a service request
12 comprising a digital artefact identifier and a version
13 identifier; and
- 14 – sending the at least one retrieved digital artefact to the
15 application program; and
- 16 – a profiler for providing a digital artefact identity
17 corresponding to the version identifier; and
- 18 – a controller for:
 - 19 – retrieving from the memory the digital artefact
20 corresponding to the digital artefact identity; and
 - 21 – requesting from the profiler the digital artefact identity
22 corresponding to the version identifier.

- 1 8. The system according to claim 7, wherein the application program
2 has received a digital artefact and a link in the received digital
3 artefact has been activated, wherein the application program further
4 is for associating the version identifier associated with the received
5 digital artefact to the digital artefact corresponding to the activated
6 link.
- 1 9. The system according to claim 7, where the controller further is for
2 adding the version identifier to all the links found in the received
3 digital artefact.
- 1 10. The system according to claim 7, wherein the application program is
2 a network browser.
- 1 11. The system according to claim 7, wherein the profiler has a
2 connection to a versioning tool.

1 12. A server for retrieving and delivering a digital artefact in a network,
2 the network comprising the server, a memory storing digital
3 artefacts, and an application program, wherein the server comprises:

- 4 – a communication unit for:
- 5 – receiving from the application program a service request
6 comprising an address associated with a digital artefact and a
7 version identifier; and
- 8 – sending the at least one retrieved digital artefact to the
9 application program; and
- 10 – a profiler for a digital artefact identity corresponding to the
11 version identifier; and
- 12 – a controller for:
- 13 – retrieving from the memory the digital artefact corresponding
14 to the digital artefact identity; and
- 15 – requesting from the profiler the digital artefact identity
16 corresponding to the version identifier.

1 13. The server according to claim 12, where the controller further is for
2 adding the version identifier to all the links found in the received
3 digital artefact.

1 14. The server according to claim 12, wherein the profiler has a
2 connection to a versioning tool.

1 15. An application program in a network, the application program being
2 for retrieving a digital artefact in the network, the network further
3 comprising a server, and a memory storing digital artefacts, wherein
4 the application program is for:

- 5 – sending to the server a request message comprising a digital
6 artefact identifier and a version identifier associated with the
7 digital artefact; and
8 – receiving at least one digital artefact from the server.

1 16. The application program according to claim 15, wherein the
2 application program has received a digital artefact and a link in the
3 received digital artefact has been activated, wherein the application
4 program further is for associating the version identifier associated
5 with the received digital artefact to the digital artefact corresponding
6 to the activated link.

1 17. The application program according to claim 15, wherein the
2 application program is a network browser.